

A Meeting of Two Worlds

BLM Commemorates Columbus' Voyage to the New World

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Few events in history have had as major an impact on world cultures as Columbus' voyage to America. The effects were far reaching, not only for the Spanish and other Europeans, but for the Native Americans who already occupied the land.

1992 will mark 500 years, the Quincentenary, since Columbus first set eyes on the New World. The BLM will be commemorating the anniversary in a unique way, exploring both the Old and New World heritages through an educational program called "A Meeting of Two Worlds."

Commission Hails BLM Project

The national Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, an independent group appointed by Congress in 1984, has endorsed the BLM's project as an official national Quincentenary program. In fact, Bill Miner, program coordinator for the commission, cited the BLM's project as one of the more important events reviewed by the commission, predicting "it will have a significant impact and

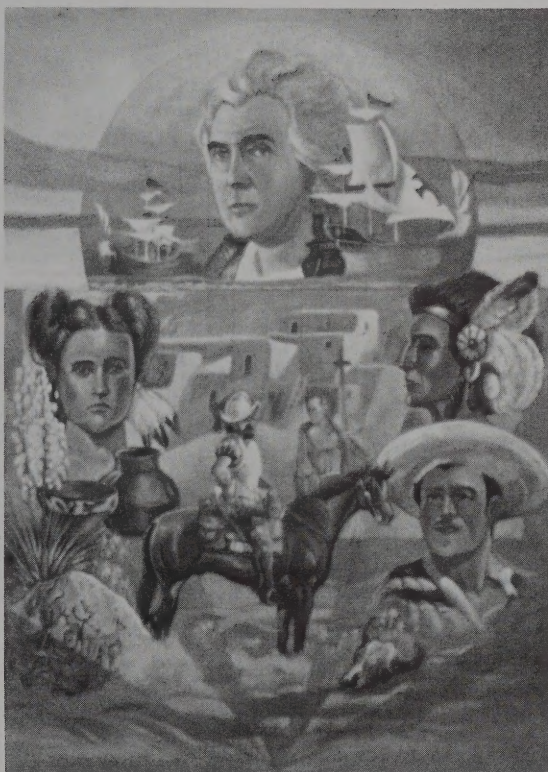
leave behind a more lasting contribution than most."

The Commission's charter is to plan, encourage, coordinate and conduct the commemoration of Christopher Columbus' voyages.

The BLM's Columbus Quincentenary Commemoration was conceived by BLM historian Carl Barna. "I was intrigued with the Quincentenary when people

began talking about it 2 or 3 years ago," says Barna, who works in the Washington Office. "I wanted BLM to get involved in some way to increase our visibility in cultural resources and also to contribute to public education."

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"A Meeting of Two Worlds," the BLM's Quincentenary program, will begin Oct. 3, 1992. Representing the commemoration is this painting by Joe Ramirez chosen through a contest sponsored by the Art Students League of Denver in conjunction with the BLM.

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BLM Hosts First Congressional Fishing Tournament

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Twenty members of Congress, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, BLM Director Cy Jamison, industry executives, and other Interior Department officials scoured the Potomac River for largemouth bass, competing with colleagues for the heaviest catch or the largest fish at the BLM's First Congressional Fishing Tournament, held Saturday, Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C.

BLM Director Cy Jamison and Sen. John Warner (Va.) prepare for the tournament's "blast off" in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

Members of Congress — Sens. Conrad Burns (Mont.), Larry Pressler (S.D.), Robert Smith (N.H.), and John Warner (Va.) and Reps. Gary Ackerman (N.Y.), Richard Armey (Texas), Bill Brewster (Okla.), James Bilbray (Nev.), John Paul Hammerschmidt (Ark.), Jim Hayes (La.), Dennis Hertel

Hearst Magazines' President D. Claes Bahrenburg and DOI Secretary Manuel Lujan award the Hearst Trophy and \$10,000 prize to Tournament Champion Rep. Dick Schulze (Pa.).

(Mich.), Bob Livingston (La.), Alex McMillan (N.C.), James Moran (Va.), Dick Schulze (Pa.), Bruce Vento (Minn.), Barbara Vucanovich (Nev.), and Don Young (Alaska) — competed for the \$10,000 first prize donated by Hearst Magazines. Rep. Dick Schulze lured two largemouth bass for the heaviest catch (just over 2 pounds) with a spinner and a plastic worm to beat his colleagues and win the \$10,000 grand prize, which will be awarded to an environmental or recreational program in Schulze's home state. Congratulations were also in store for Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt who won a trophy for catching the largest fish, a 1.98-pound bass.

After the morning event, family and tournament competitors enjoyed a picnic lunch, live country music and the awards ceremony at Belle Haven Park in nearby Alexandria, Va. Many

of the BLM's exhibits, including *Winging Into The Future*, *Fish and Wildlife 2000*, and *Recreation's Back Country Byways* were on display, as was Shimano's state-of-the-art tourney release boat. This live-release boat, developed to minimize mortality rates of fish resulting from handling stress during pro fishing tournaments, transported the tournament fish to their natural environment in excellent condition.

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Wyoming Trona Production Leads the Nation



Trona, an important ingredient in detergent, glass, and other common products, is dissolved and recrystallized to make soda ash. The soda ash is then loaded into rail cars for shipment.

Photo courtesy of Ted Murphy

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Wyoming continues to lead the nation in federal minerals production — first in coal and oil, second in natural gas, and currently the producer of more than 90 percent of the nation's supply of trona.

What is trona?

Trona is an important ingredient for producing glass, detergent, soap, paper, water softeners, pharmaceutical drugs and some cleaning compounds. It is a non-metallic mineral which is called soda ash when refined into a white powder.

The largest, purest, most accessible deposits of trona in the world are on BLM mineral estate in a 1,000-square mile area in the Green River Basin in southwest Wyoming. Currently, four underground mining beds are operating where it is estimated that more than 23 billion tons of recoverable trona exist.

Less harmful than phosphates

Due to the increasing environmental awareness of the American marketplace and because trona is a less harmful replacement for phosphates, the trona industry has experienced a dramatic increase in sales. The detergent industry and other

businesses have responded to America's environmentally conscious consumers. As a result, trona production from southwest Wyoming has steadily grown. Available data suggest a recent 11 percent increase in sales to chemical producers and a 10 percent increase in sales to detergent makers.

Five companies presently mine and process trona in Wyoming: General Chemical, Rhone-Poulenc, Tenneco Minerals, Texasgulf and FMC of Wyoming.

Expansion and diversification at these plants have provided more than 100 jobs, bringing the number of soda ash related jobs in the state to over 3,000.

Although strongly driven by domestic demand, the trona industry is expanding internationally as well, particularly in Japan. Some 2.9 million tons of soda ash—mostly from Wyoming—were exported in 1989, a 12 percent increase from the previous year.

Lease sales contemplated

The federal government controls the mineral rights to a large portion of the trona field, and interest in trona lease sales is growing. In response to that interest, the BLM intends to conduct lease sales in the future. This would support the need for more trona for companies and increase the financial benefits to the federal government, the state of Wyoming, and the economy of southwest Wyoming. ▽

BLM People

Bruce Conrad was recently named associate state director for the BLM in Arizona. With close to 30 years experience with the BLM, Conrad most recently served as district manager in Grand Junction, Colo. Conrad also has served in various positions in Wyoming, Colorado, and California, as well as in the Washington Office. A native of Kansas, he holds degrees in range management from Kansas State University.



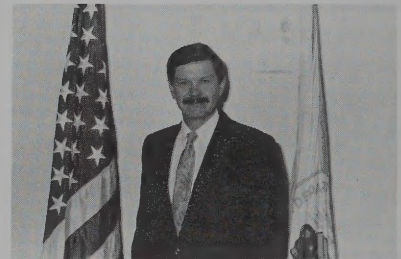
Bruce Conrad

Linda Rundell was recently named manager for the Las Cruces district office. A 12-year veteran of the BLM, Rundell has served in several positions in New Mexico, including assistant area manager in Carlsbad and Farmington. She was most recently assigned to Sen. Pete Domenici's Washington, D.C., office as a BLM program analyst. The Las Cruces district covers eight southern New Mexico counties. Rundell replaces Jim Fox, who was promoted to chief of the division of rangeland resources in Washington, D.C.



Linda Rundell

Roger Zortman was recently named manager for the Moab district. A native of Iowa, Zortman most recently served as lead budget analyst for the lands and realty program in Washington, D.C. He holds an undergraduate degree in wildlife management and a master's degree in natural resource administration from Colorado State University. Zortman previously served as area manager for three BLM field offices. The Moab district covers 5.8 million acres in southern Utah. Zortman replaces Gene Nodine, who retired after a 38-year federal career.



Roger Zortman

Mary Plumb, Moab District public affairs officer, received a "point of light" award from Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan recently for her volunteer work as president and public relations director of the League of Women Voters of Grand County, Utah. The League is a nonpartisan organization committed to citizen involvement in government.



Secretary Lujan and Mary Plumb

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News Briefs

Interior Secretary Lujan receives archaeology award:

The Society for American Archaeology presented Secretary Lujan its 1991 Public Service Award during a ceremony Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes Lujan's contributions toward preserving public lands and archaeological sites. It is given each year to non-archaeologists who play a lead role in protecting and preserving the nation's cultural heritage.

Archaeologists excavate ancient Indian campsite along Snake River:

A 4,000-year-old Indian campsite in the Snake River Birds of Prey Area was excavated in October by archaeologists from Idaho State University, the BLM, and Idaho State Historical Society. The site, in danger of being swept into the river, consisted of fire pits, artifacts, piles of clam shells and other materials associated with

prehistoric Native Americans in southwest Idaho.

The project was supported by a \$4,000 grant from U.S. West Communications, and by volunteers from U.S. West, the Canyon County Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Idaho Archaeological Society.

—Bary Rose

Rare dinosaur found in Wyoming:

A rare dinosaur skeleton unearthed by Swiss paleontologists on BLM lands northeast of Greybull, Wyo., attracted national media attention in September as it was excavated by a Montana State University crew under a cooperative agreement with the BLM.

The skeleton will go to the Museum of the Rockies on the MSU campus at Bozeman, Mont. A full cast will go to the University of Wyoming's Geological Museum for research as well as display.

The remains were identified as a young allosaur, a carnivorous dinosaur, and one of the top predators of its time. Predecessor of tyrannosaurus rex by some 80 million years, they walked on hind

legs and roamed Wyoming about 150 million years ago.

Director Cy Jamison called the find a good example of the excep-

tional paleontological resources located on BLM-managed lands.

—Beverly Gorny



Director Cy Jamison (right) visits the excavation site for a rare dinosaur skeleton found on BLM lands in Wyoming.

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In Memory

Alan Tohill, 39, Range Conservationist, Grand Junction Resource Area, Colorado, died of cancer, June 5.

Mark Plye, 40, Realty Specialist, Royal George Resource Area, Colorado, died in a kayak accident, July 20.

These BLM employees will be greatly missed by colleagues and friends.

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Archaeology Plus Volunteers Equals Stewardship

ADVENTURES IN THE PAST Great Basin Tribute

*Mark Henderson, Archaeologist,
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As the dirt flew and the wind blew at the Baker Archaeological Site in the Snake Valley of Nevada, over 1,000 visitors stopped during the summer to view the progress of excavations of a prehistoric Fremont farmstead, "Baker Village."

Located in extreme eastern Nevada off the "Loneliest Highway in America," the site is significant because it represents the Fremont people around A.D. 1050, at the peak of their expansion from their homeland in what is now central Utah.

school to provide training for archaeology students. Dr. Jim Wilde, site director for BYU, says that this project represents a rare opportunity for a thorough study of an intact Fremont village complex. Baker Village, located on BLM lands, has been spared serious damage over the years primarily because later settlement never occurred at the site. Unlike many BLM archaeological projects that must be undertaken



Brad Wahlquist explains excavations to visitors at the Baker Village Site in Nevada. Wahlquist is an archaeology student at BYU, and is working at the BLM site under a special agreement between BYU and the BLM's Ely district office. Photo by Martin Hudson

"This project is a good example of how public awareness goals and scientific objectives can be integrated successfully."

Ken Walker, Ely District Manager

The work at Baker Village was made possible through agreements between the BLM's Ely district and both Brigham Young University and the White Pine Public Museum.

The excavation is being conducted by BYU's Office of Public Archaeology as a field

because a site is in imminent danger of being lost or destroyed, the Baker Village site is secure, and thus can be carefully and thoroughly studied.

Visitors arriving at the site this past summer were greeted by volunteer interpreters sponsored by the White Pine Public

Museum. They started their tour at a specially constructed reception area offering a museum exhibit and the only shade for miles around. From there, they were escorted to the excavation site. BYU field school participants with over 300 days experience with the project supplemented the work of the interpreters.

Not satisfied with just looking, over two dozen summer visitors accepted invitations to return and become volunteer excavators themselves, contributing more than 100 volunteer days. A BLM interpreter and professional archaeologist worked closely with the volunteers.

"This project is a good

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example of how public awareness goals and scientific objectives can be integrated successfully," said Ken Walker, Ely district manager. "Cooperation was the key. The district operations division assured that the facilities would support the project plan, while museum director Sean Pitts and Dr. Wilde of BYU supported the high level of public involvement."

It is hoped that the excavation of Baker Village will offer new information about where the Fremont people came from, how long they remained in Snake Valley, and what the environment was like when they lived there. It may also help answer questions such as whether the large quantity of bison and elk bone recovered indicates climatic changes, or if the discovery of two prehistoric occupation levels indicates replacement of one group over another. Perhaps the excavation will also offer new information to answer the biggest question: What became of this ancient culture? Evidence of the Fremont culture disappears after A.D. 1350. No one knows why.

BYU plans to return next year armed with the results of analysis of pottery sherds, chipped stone artifacts, and the surprising quantities of animal bone recovered from the site.

"Until then, we are counting on the spirit of public stewardship to help protect the site," Walker said. ▽



Student excavators Reba Martin (left) and Celeste Eastwood (right) work with volunteer excavator John Johnson (center). Volunteers for the project were provided by the White Pine Public Museum through a volunteer agreement with the BLM's Ely district office.

Photo by Marcia Phillips

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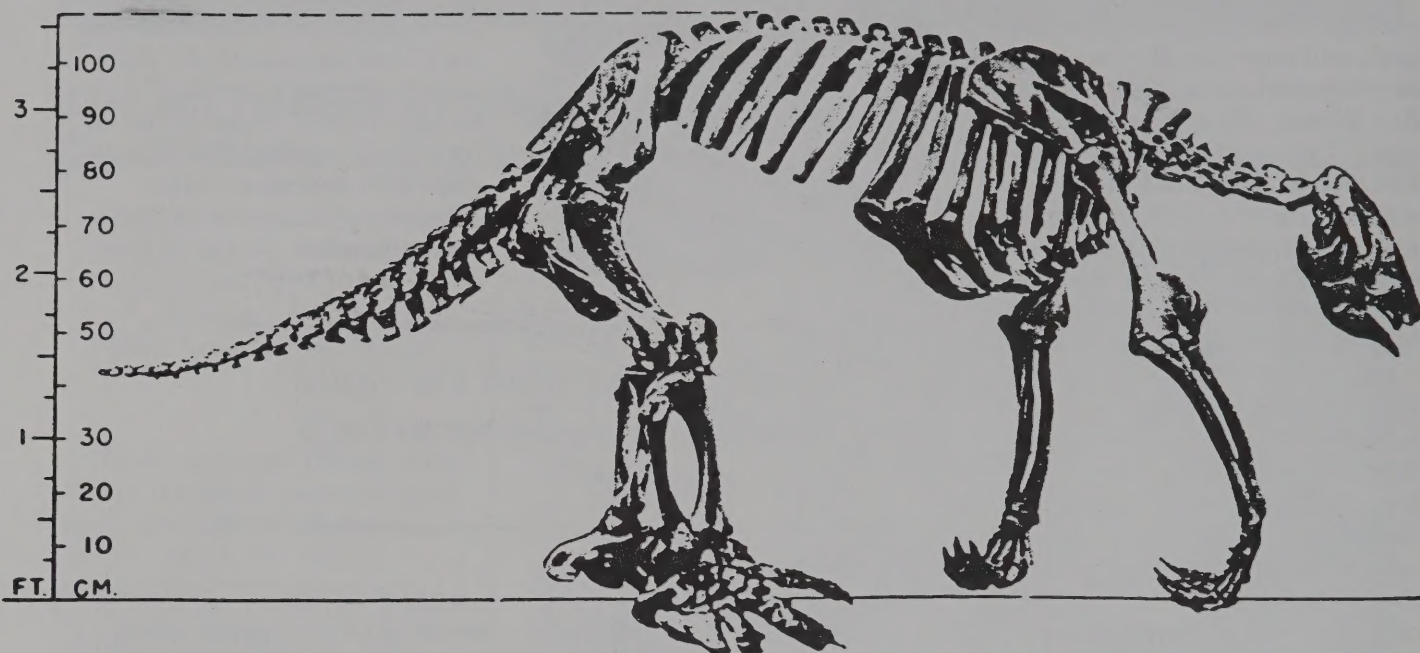


Susan Lamson, deputy director for external affairs, is presented with an engraved trowel by Ely district manager Ken Walker. She visited the site in July when excavations were well under way.



Dr. Jim Wilde, field school director for BYU, discusses the project with (left to right) Jerry Smith, area manager; Ken Walker, district manager; Hal Bybee, chief of operations; Dave Tilford, volunteer excavator; Brian Amme, archaeologist; and Carol Hansen, volunteer interpreter.

Photo by Marcia Phillips



STALKING THE GIANT SLOTH

Researchers recover skeleton of ancient ground sloth

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It may have been heading for its favorite eating area in the lush vegetation of the Las Vegas Valley when it fell, upside down, into a natural trap. More than 20,000 years later, it is once more exposed to the light of day as researchers recovered the skeleton of a Shasta ground sloth from a cavern in the Las Vegas District's Stateline Resource Area.

The skeleton of the 300-pound, 9-foot-long giant ground sloth is one of the oldest mammal remains ever found in southern

Nevada. Discovered in May near Devil Peak close to the California-Nevada border, the sloth was named for the first such sloth fossils found in a cave in California in 1909. The Devil Peak sloth, however, remains unique in that it is the second most complete skeleton of its type found in North America.

The specimen is currently undergoing analysis at the San Bernardino County Museum. District Archaeologist Stanton Rolf has worked on the specimen's recovery, along with Robert Reynolds, earth sciences curator at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands, Calif., which is assisting the BLM in the recovery of the specimen under a paleontological

permit issued by the Nevada State Office. The project is a Challenge Grant, cost-share project with the San Bernardino County Museum.

A curation agreement was recently signed between the BLM and the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society for all paleontological materials recovered from BLM land in the Las Vegas District. The agreement provides for professional housing, care, protection and management of collections of fossils and associated records. A complete replica of the skeleton will be cast this year as part of a cooperative agreement with the museum.

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"It's really rare to find an animal as well preserved as this," said Rolf, who described the sloth as a hairy vegetarian with three clawed digits on its front arms and five on its back feet. Its tail served as a tripod so that it could stand for hours feeding on tall vegetation. Its narrow snout, horny palate, and tongue and lips were designed to pull vegetation into its mouth, where it was chewed by eight upper teeth and six lower ones.

Preyed upon by saber-toothed tigers, North American lions, and dire wolves, the animal became extinct about 11,000 years ago,

only to resurface now and give us a glimpse back in time, when the Mohave Desert was a much different place. ▼



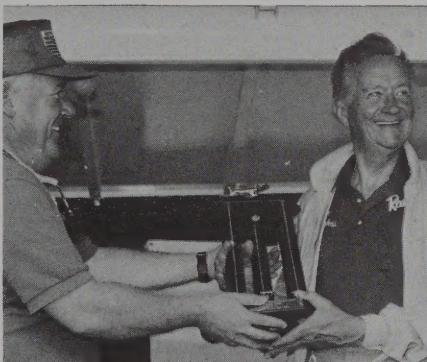
Fishing Tournament, *continued from page 2*

The tournament was part of the Secretary's recently unveiled Enjoy Outdoors America program that promotes environmental ethics and good sportsmanship, and encourages every American to actively conserve the nation's natural resources. Also highlighted were the diverse recreational opportunities on the BLM's 270 million acres of public lands.

"Outdoor recreation is essential to the health and happiness of Americans," Lujan said. "Whether it is fishing, hiking, boating or any other activity, Americans want more and better recreational opportunities."

BLM's Jamison echoed the Secretary's remarks with his own pledge "... to make outdoor

recreation, fish and wildlife, and cultural resources of equal importance in BLM's multiple-



Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (Ark.) accepts the Anheuser-Busch Trophy for catching the "Largest Congressional Fish" from BLM's Director Cy Jamison.

use mandate."

Corporate partners for the tournament included Hearst Magazines, a division of The Hearst Corporation, and five of its magazines (*Countryside*, *Esquire*, *Country Living*, *Sports Afield* and *Motor Boating & Sailing*), Anheuser-Busch, Ranger Boats, Bass Pro Shops, Shimano America, Berkley Co., Coca Cola, British Petroleum, Outdoor Life Unlimited, Delta Tackle, and WMZQ, a local radio station.

And as Rep. Dick Armey wrote in the Oct. 8th *Congressional Record*, "... Congratulations to Congressmen Dick Schulze and John Paul Hammerschmidt. As for the rest of us — wait until next year!" ▼

BLM Commemorates Columbus' Voyage

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Arizona and New Mexico to Host Events

Arizona and New Mexico will host the events since they have the most sites marking Spanish and Native American contact. The commemoration will start in Tucson at the University of Arizona with a symposium. A 5-day bus tour will leave from Tucson to visit various historic sites including Mission San Xavier del Bac, Tumacacori National Monument, and the Presidio of Santa Cruz de Terrenate in Arizona, and in New Mexico, the Zuni Pueblo, El Morro National Monument, Pecos National Monument, and Rancho de las Golandrinas. The University of New Mexico will host a final 2-day symposium.

The two symposiums will highlight the perspectives of more than 30 historians, historical archaeologists, cultural anthropologists and Native Americans to an expected audience of 500 people each day.

The Native American Perspective

"From the beginning, we have felt that it is very important to have Native American participation in order to present a balanced program," said Gail Acheson, BLM's Quincentenary coordinator.

Joe Sando, a Native American from Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico, has been instrumental in coordinating with Native American communities. Sando is a noted educator, lecturer and author who received his higher education from Eastern New Mexico College and Vanderbilt University. He is the Native American chair on the

BLM's Quincentenary Program Committee.

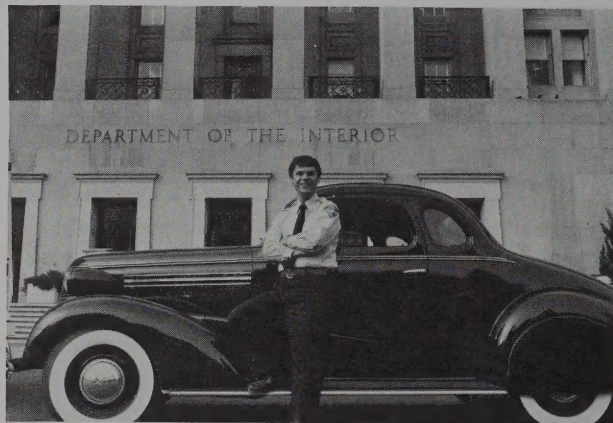
Other Partners

Partners with the BLM include the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the University of

Arizona, and the University of New Mexico.

"A Meeting of Two Worlds" will begin Saturday, Oct. 3, 1992, with the opening symposium at the University of Arizona in Tucson. For more information, contact Gail Acheson at (602) 640-5504 or FTS 261-5504. ▼

Car Reflects Early Days of Interior Building



Commuters to the new Department of the Interior headquarters building in Washington, D.C., may have depended on cars like this classic 1938 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Business Coupe owned by BLM's Lew Klinge, chief of the branch of support services. When the building was dedicated in 1936, traffic congestion was not the problem it is today. In 1991,

this classic survived the commute from Northern Virginia in special carpool lanes, "But to do this," Klinge said, "I had to fit my entire carpool in the front—and only—seat." Klinge learned to drive in the car, which he says still cruises easily at 55 - 60 miles per hour. Purchased new by his uncle, it has accumulated only 70,000 miles. ▼

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